

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the second paragraph of p. 3 as follows:

According to a second aspect of the ~~present invention~~ disclosure, there is provided a method of manufacturing a tube retainer ~~as claimed in claim 1~~, that comprises the steps of: providing a tube; forming a retention groove in the external surface of said tube, adjacent an open end thereof; providing a flat plate and forming a slot in said flat plate to form a clamping plate.